

Application No. 10/653,601  
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### REMARKS

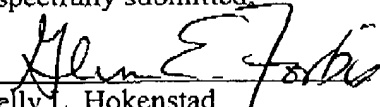
Claims 28, 30 and 32-34 were pending. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 28, 30 and 33-34 are allowed. The Examiner has rejected claim 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Walence (U.S. Patent No. 6,215,854). For the purpose of expediting prosecution of this application, and without prejudice to claim the canceled subject matter in future papers, claim 32 is canceled herein. Therefore, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes any fee due has been addressed in an accompanying transmittal. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 65632-0165 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw. To the extent necessary, a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is hereby made, the fee for which should be charged against the aforementioned account.

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